

**COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES  
STATUS OF OFFICIAL COMPLAINT DOCKET  
January 30, 2007**

**INVESTIGATIONS IN PROGRESS OR PENDING; HEARINGS PENDING**

**1. Harrison v. School Board Accountability Project**

**Issue:** On May 4, 2005, Rosemary Harrison filed a complaint against the School Board Accountability Project alleging violations of Montana campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted.

**2. Garver v. Tussing**

**Issue:** On November 2, 2005, Al Garver filed a complaint against Ron Tussing alleging violations of Montana campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted.

**3. Farrell v. Montana Republican State Central Committee**

**Issue:** On February 9, 2006, Jim Farrell filed a complaint against the Montana Republican State Central Committee alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted.

**4. Smrdel, Danny v. Sheriff David Casle**

**Issue:** On May 16, 2006, Danny Smrdel filed a complaint against Sheriff David Castle alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted.

**5. Keane v. Montanans for a True Democrat Club**

**Issue:** On July 6, 2006, Jim Keane filed a complaint against Montanans for a True Democrat Club alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted.

**6. Motl v. Yes CI-97, Yes CI-98, Yes I-154, Montanans In Action**

**Issue:** On July 17, 2006, Jon Motl filed complaints against Yes CI-97, Yes CI-98, Yes I-154 and Montanans In Action alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted.

**7. Erickson v. Committee for a Free Choice, et al**

**Issue:** On August 10, 2006, Dallas Erickson filed complaints against the Committee for a Free Choice, Planned Parenthood of Montana, PRIDE, Inc. and the Yellowstone AIDS Project alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted.

**8. Ellis v. Yes on CI-97, CI-98 and I-154**

**Issue:** On September 29, 2006, Janet Ellis or the Property Owners Against I-154 filed a complaint against the Yes CI-97, CI-98 and I-154 committees alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

**9. Koopman v. Vincent, John**

**Issue:** On October 2, 2006, Roger Koopman filed a complaint against John Vincent alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

**10. Gallik v. Nofsinger, Jane**

**Issue:** On October 4, 2006, David Gallik filed a complaint against Jane Nofsinger alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

**11. Campbell v. Dee Brown, Jerry O'Neil and George Everett**

**Issue:** On October 17, 2006, John Campbell filed complaints against Dee Brown, Jerry O'Neil and George Everett alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **12. Owns Medicine v. Bitterroot Building Association**

**Issue:** On October 26, 2006, Marilyn Owns Medicine filed a complaint against the Bitterroot Building Association alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **13. Taylor v. Residents for Responsible Land Use**

**Issue:** On October 26, 2006, Phillip Taylor filed a complaint against the Residents for Responsible Land Use alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **14. LaVigne/MT Democratic Party v. Brown, Roy**

**Issue:** On October 30, 2006, Andrew LaVigne on behalf of the MT Democratic Party filed a complaint against Roy Brown alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **15. Lawrence v. Ravalli County Citizens for Free Enterprise – Repeal 1844**

**Issue:** On October 31, 2006, Russell Lawrence filed a complaint against the Ravalli County Citizens for Free Enterprise – Repeal 1844 alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **16. Gunter v. Orzech, Karen A.**

**Issue:** On October 31, 2006, Casey Gunter filed a complaint against Karen Orzech alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **17. Citizens for Responsible Crime Policy v. Missoula Underage Substance Abuse Prevention Program**

**Issue:** On November 1, 2006, Paul Befumo of the Citizens for Responsible Crime Policy filed a complaint against the Missoula Underage Substance Abuse Prevention Program alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **18. Brown v. Margie MacDonald**

**Issue:** On November 1, 2006, Roy Brown filed a complaint against Margie MacDonald (MacDonald for Senate) alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **19. BFP Action Committee v. Bitterroot Building Association**

**Issue:** On November 2, 2006, the BFP Action Committee filed a complaint against the Bitterroot Building Association alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **20. Olsen, James R. v. Concerned Citizens of Ward Two**

**Issue:** On November 8, 2006, James R. Olsen filed a complaint against the Concerned Citizens of Ward Two alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **21. Vaughn v. Edwards, Jim**

**Issue:** On November 20, 2006, William Vaughn filed a complaint against Jim Edwards alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **22. Olsen, James R. v. Vallance, Jack**

**Issue:** On November 24, 2006, James R. Olsen filed a complaint against Jack Vallance alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

#### **23. Roberts v. Griffin, Eric**

**Issue:** On November 27, 2006, Joe Roberts filed a complaint against Eric Griffin alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

**24. Owns Medicine (BFP Action Cmte. ) v. Bitterroot Valley Board of Realtors and Residents for Responsible Land Use**

**Issue:** On November 30, 2006, Marilyn Owns Medicine filed a complaint against the Bitterroot Valley Board of Realtors alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

**25. Koopman v. Vincent, John**

**Issue:** On December 5, 2006, Roger Koopman filed a complaint against John Vincent alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted

**26. Vance/Blossom v. Walseth, Jim**

**Issue:** On January 12, 2007, Shelley Vance and Jennifer Blossom filed a complaint against Jim Walseth alleging violations of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws.

**Status:** An investigation will be conducted